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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF TURKISH REFUGEES FROM SBA; CYPRIOT-
BRITISH CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT CONCLUDED AD REFERENDUM
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1. FCO (WESTON) INFORMS US TURKS HAVE EXPRESSED SATIS-
FACTION WITH BRITISH ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSE TO SEND
REPRESENTATIVES TO SBA TO ASSIST IN MOVEMENT. (ICRC
AND UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT DURING
BRITISH TAKING OF CENSUS TOMORROW.) HOWEVER, TURKS
LEAKED DECISION TO PRESS, FORCING BRITISH TO CONFIRM IT
WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION HERE. BRITISH ALSO TOLD PRESS MOVE-
MENT WOULD INVOLVE TURKS PRESENTLY ON SBA ONLY, AND
BRITISH HOPE FOR SOME RETURN GESTURE FROM TURKS.

2. FCO HAS BEEN RECEIVING REPORTS FROM SBA THAT TURKS
FROM OUTSIDE ARE CROWDING TOWARD SBA. NOT CLEAR IF THEY
ARE GETTING IN.

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3. BITSIOS WAS COMPARATIVELY RELAXED WHEN HE RECEIVED

NEWS. HE REGRETTED BRITISH HAD NOT BEEN ABLE HOLD ON LONGER, ESPECIALLY AS CLERIDES AND DENKTASH FOCUSED ON THIS SUBJECT IN MEETING YESTERDAY, JANUARY 14. BITSIOS SAID TURKS HAVE NO INCENTIVE FOR GESTURE NOW. BRITISH AMBASSADOR COUNTERED THAT ON THE CONTRARY THIS MIGHT LEAD TO TURKISH GESTURE.

4. ACCORDING TO BRITISH INFORMATION, CLERIDES PUT FORTH FOUR POSSIBLE GESTURES TURKS COULD MAKE AS QUID PRO QUO FOR MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM SBA DURING MEETING WITH DENKTASH YESTERDAY:

(A) ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOTS BACK INTO NEW FAMAGUSTA UNDER UN PROTECTION, TURKISH FRONT LINE REMAIN AS AT PRESENT:

(B) ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOTS BACK INTO AREA BETWEEN EASTERN SBA AND OLD FAMAGUSTA ROAD;

(C) ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGES IN KARPASS AREA, WITH EXCEPTION OF BOGHAZ, TO FORM SELF-ADMINISTERING AREA UNDER UN PROTECTION;

(D) ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOTS BACK INTO MORPHOU AREA BEHIND TURKISH LINES.

5. DENKTASH REPORTEDLY RECEIVED THESE SUGGESTIONS WELL BUT SAID THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO BRING TURKISH ARMY ROUND. HE INDICATED TURKS HAD DECIDED TO SEND TRANSPORT SHIPS UNDER RED CRESCENT FLAG TO PICK UP REFUGEES IN WESTERN SBA WITHIN A FORTNIGHT.

6. WECKMANN PROPOSED QUID PRO QUO BE FULL FREEDOM FOR ICRC TO SEARCH OUT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE NORTH. DENKTASH AGREED IF CLERIDES WOULD ALLOW OVERLAND EVACUATION OF TURKISH REFUGEES FROM SBA UNDER UN ESCORT.

7. FCO ALSO INFORMED US THAT CYPRUS AIRWAYS HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS ON LAST LAP OF SERVICE FROM LARNACA TO LONDON VIA ATHENS. AGREEMENT IS BEING REFERRED BY SAVVA TO GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS FOR APPROVAL. (SAVVA HAS ALSO TOLD BRITISH AIRWAYS THAT LARNACA AIR-STRIP WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL JANUARY 31 AT THE EARLIEST.)

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